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LEHI CITY HOSTS PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS NIGHT

84 Citizens Receiving Award for Community Service

Lehi, Utah | **May 21, 2014** – According to a recent Gallup Poll, Utah is the most generous state in the country. That generosity is reflected in Lehi, where 84 individuals will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award for service to Lehi City or other community organizations.

The volunteers receiving the award in Lehi City have each given 50 or more service hours to their community in 2012 and/or 2013. These volunteers have served with the Rippy Literacy Center, John Hutchings Museum, Roundup Committee, Youth Council, Rotary Club, and other community organizations.



Nancy Weitzel, the director of the Rippy Literacy Center said, "Volunteers are willing to give their own personal time to help others. They choose to do things that make people happy. Lehi City is so fortunate to have some of the finest volunteers in the nation!"

26 individuals will receive the bronze, nine the silver, 59 the gold, and two will receive the lifetime achievement award. The two recipients of the lifetime achievement award are Steve Holbrook and Mike Kennelly. Each has given at least 4,000 hours of service to their community over the years. Holbrook served on the Lehi City Council for 12 years and during that time worked tirelessly with the Roundup Committee, Literacy Center, and Library. He continues to volunteer in each of these City organizations even though his City Council term ended in December 2013.

Kennelly has come to the Rippy Literacy Center twice a week for years to help children learn to read. His service has helped a great number of children better their lives. He also serves in his church and local schools.

Natalie Larsen will also receive the Outstanding Lehi Citizen Award as well as a gold President's Service Award. Natalie served as a volunteer chair of the Roundup Committee for five years and a committee member for five years prior to her time on the Roundup Committee. She continues to put in countless hours of time to make Roundup Week a great success.

The awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm at Wines Park. You can read more about the President's Volunteer service award at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

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